

SOLEMN RITES FOR FIRE PANIC VICTIMS SUNDAY

Funeral Services for Seventy to
Be Held Simultaneously in
Six Churches

WILL FORM ONE PROCESSION

Caskets of Children to Be Carried
to Cemetery on Pall Bear-
ers' Shoulders

100 MEN DIG GRAVES TODAY

With sorrowing hearts, the citizens of Calumet and the copper country tomorrow will pay the last mark of respect for the dead in the Italian hall disaster. Final arrangements for the funeral were made this morning by the committee representing the striking miners, and it has been decided that the bodies of seventy of the victims, all but four, will be laid at rest in the Lake View cemetery Sunday afternoon. Preparations have been made for a demonstration of sympathy, the like of which has never before been held in the upper peninsula. The solemn funeral rites will be held in six churches but the separate funeral services will be welded into one grand procession which likely will extend from Red Jacket clear to the cemetery.

The bodies of the victims will be transferred from the homes to the churches tomorrow morning, so that there may be no delay. Starting early in the morning, and acting according to the wishes of the families of the victims as expressed to the funeral committee, the undertakers will visit each home and transfer the bodies to the churches. Special provision will have to be made for the accommodation of the many bodies in each church and for the great crowds expected.

Simultaneous Services.
It is planned to have the funeral services for the many victims start simultaneously in the different churches, probably at 1 o'clock, and although the time devoted to the church services may vary a little, it is thought they will be concluded about 2 o'clock. Then from each church will start a procession to meet the main body.

Owing to the fact, absent relatives would be unable to reach Calumet to attend the funerals of four of the victims it they were held tomorrow, the last sad rites for these will be deferred until later, probably Monday or Tuesday, when another joint funeral service will be held.

The services tomorrow will be held in six churches, the Bethlehem Finnish church of Hockley, Rev. Rautanen, pastor; the Finnish National church, corner Elm and Fourth street, Rev. Liljeboos, pastor; the Finnish Apostolic church on Pine street, Rev. A. L. Hovellman, pastor; the St. Joseph's Slovenian church, Rev. J. Klopich, pastor; the St. John's Croatian church, Rev. St. Medin, pastor; and the St. Mary's Italian church, Rev. Fr. Sinigaglia, pastor.

Telegrams were received here today, stating that special trains, bearing the members of the Incoming and Outgoing miners' unions will leave there late tonight, arriving here in time for the funeral.

Carry Caskets on Shoulders.
Sixteen bearers have been secured.

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A "CHILEAN" RECEPTION



150 FORCED TO FLEE IN NIGHT CLOTHES

Fire Does \$10,000 in Cleveland
Family Apartment House

Cleveland, O., Dec. 27.—One hundred and fifty persons were forced to flee in their night clothing, and several women and children were carried unconscious in a fire which did \$10,000 damage early this morning in a three-story brick structure, housing the Perry hotel, a theatre, bank, several stores and family homes. The fire, caused by an over-heated furnace, broke out in the basement and spread rapidly. The occupants were aroused by John Caldwell, a negro, who was sleeping in the basement and was awakened by the smoke.

Big Fire in St. Louis.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—Fire of a mysterious origin ruined a five-story building in the heart of the business section here, causing a loss of a quarter of a million. It was discovered at midnight and was still raging at 2 o'clock this morning. One hundred and fifty guests at the St. Francis Hotel were routed in their night clothes as the flames leaped across an alley and threatened the hotel windows.

Six firemen were injured but none fatally, by the collapse of walls. It required the entire fire apparatus of the city to prevent the fire from spreading.

MACDONALD EXPECTED HERE.

Commissioner W. J. MacDonald of Calumet, who has been here expressing his deep regret at the calamity that has befallen the community, is expected here tomorrow to look over the situation. It is not known what the object of his visit is, but it is presumed he plans to conduct an investigation.

SEW UP A MAN'S HEART.

Six Stitches Taken Without Using an Anesthetic.
New York, Dec. 27.—With six stitches taken in his heart, Vincenzo Laito, victim of a stabbing affray, is expected to live. When taken to a hospital in Brooklyn the surgeons decided that the rays operation was necessary. Because of the weakened condition of the patient, no anesthetic was given but cocaine was used locally. The ribs above the heart were cut through and six stitches taken in the heart tissue. Surgeons expected they expected his recovery.

TEACH SOLDIERS TO FIGHT IN FACE OF MUSKET FIRE

Tokio, Dec. 27.—Drilling soldiers in the task of how to fight under gunfire was the keynote of this year's big military maneuvers of the Japanese army at Naniwa, according to foreign experts who were present.

Every day the purpose of the maneuvers was to test the moral courage of an army which found itself exposed to complete annihilation, or at least, a ruthless onslaught, from the enemy. Detachments were sent across a field where artillery and quick-firing guns were supposed to be mercilessly devastating their ranks.

Everything possible was done to show the foreign attaches the plan of the maneuvers and so far as could be observed in secrecy was maintained.

Every evening a Japanese officer gave a lecture to the military experts, pointing out the plan and operation of the maneuvers upon an imaginary map hanging upon the wall.

The reporter was active throughout the maneuvers and it was indicative, as another evidence of the growing spirit of democracy in Japan, that he personally shook hands with each military attaché.

ECONOMIC EXPERTS MEET.

Eminent Educators to Discuss Timely Topics at Minneapolis.
Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 27.—Minneapolis today welcomed a large number of eminent educators, economic and sociological experts who have gathered here to participate in the twenty-sixth annual meeting of the American Economic Association. Meeting in conjunction with the association will be the American Sociological Society.

Among the subjects stated for discussion during the four days' session are the control of public service corporations, syndicalism, the making of railroad rates, the economic effects of least trust dissolution, and the theory of rent in the light of present conditions in American agriculture.

Prominent among those who will address the joint gathering are Prof. A. J. Boynton of the University of Kansas, Prof. I. H. Hanes of the University of Texas, Prof. F. H. Dixon of Dartmouth college, Prof. W. Z. Ripley of Harvard university, Dr. B. H. Meyer of the interstate commerce commission, Prof. A. A. Young of Cornell university, Prof. E. Dean Inland of the University of Minnesota, Dr. E. C. Walker, deputy United States commissioner of corporations, and Prof. T. N. Carver, assistant director of rural organization service of the United States department of agriculture.

AID FOR FAMILIES REJECTED BY MOYER

Federation Head Blankly Refuses
to Accept Citizens' Fund

Offers to relieve sufferers of the Italian hall disaster were absolutely refused by President Charles H. Moyer of the Western Federation of Labor early last evening when a committee, consisting of President Joseph Wills of Lansing village, Mayor E. H. Schumacher of Red Jacket, John H. Rice of Houghton, James T. Fisher of Laurium and A. E. Peterson and M. A. Thomsen of Calumet, interviewed him in Hancock.

This committee was named by the relief committee and they sought to prevail upon him the immediate need of aid. Every effort was not without result.

The committee told him of the meeting in Calumet December 25 to devise ways and means of raising money to alleviate the suffering of the victims; that a committee of twelve was appointed to carry on the work; that the committee had already received contributions of upwards of \$25,000; that they had spent the day in canvassing the situation and in sending out sub-committees to offer assistance to the families who had been injured; that some of these committees consisted of the leading women of Calumet and were of different nationalities so as to reach the stricken people and talk to them in their own language.

The committee, Mr. Moyer was informed, reported that in every instance they were informed that no assistance would be accepted unless it came from people with a union card.

The reports as received from all the committees were about the same. The stricken refused absolutely to accept aid from the citizens' committee, saying they had been instructed by the union not to accept aid or relief in any manner from the citizens. Many of them were not with relief.

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ARREST OFFICERS OF THE TYOMIES THIS AFTERNOON

John Nuomavari, manager of the "Tyomies," a Finnish Socialist publication in Hancock, and two others connected with the paper, were arrested late this afternoon on warrants issued by Justice Eichkorn, of Hancock. The arrests were made in connection with the publication of articles said to be maliciously false. It is said that a dozen or more others are to be similarly charged. The complaint on which the warrants were issued practically amounts to a felony.

President Dreyfus of the Pirates, made "Honus" Wagner the only exception in any trade for "Big Ed" Konechey, when he and Manager Clarke discussed the proposed deal.

Dr. Sam Schwartz, of New York, is proud of his new daughter who weighs 32 ounces.

MOYER SAYS HE WAS "SHOT, BEATEN, DRAGGED THROUGH STREETS" AND PUT ON TRAIN

Strike Leader Who Left District Suddenly Last Night Says He Will Return Under Guard--With Bandaged Head He Gives Interviews to Press

Story He Tells Not Substantiated by Investigation of Sheriff Who Believes It Is a Frame Up of Moyer's to Excite Sympathy--Moyer All Right When He Left Scott Hotel, Hancock, Says Manager

Green Bay, Wis., Dec. 27.—In departing Charles H. Moyer from the copper strike district last night, the president of the Western Federation of Miners says he was shot, beaten and dragged through the streets of Hancock and guarded on the train until 2 o'clock this morning when the train reached Channing, Mich.

He told an Associated Press reporter here when the train arrived. His head, swathed with a blood stained bandage, protruded from a lower berth, as he spoke bitterly of the treatment he said had been inflicted on him. The train stopped fifteen minutes before it proceeded to Chicago where it is due this afternoon.

"I was assaulted in the Hotel Scott, Hancock, by members of the Citizens' Alliance and a Waddell-Mahon gunman," Moyer said. "I was terribly beaten, shot in the dark and dragged more than a mile through the streets, threatened with death and hanging and finally placed aboard a train about 2:30 last night."

"I was guarded by two thugs on the train till I reached Channing at about 2 o'clock this morning. A committee of fifteen, led by an attorney for the Calumet and Hecla Mining company, named Petermann, had been in conference with me and the committee had barely left the room when the mob appeared."

"I believe the strike is won. I expect to return to Calumet in a few days under government protection, state and national."

Wires Federation Official.
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 27.—M. J. Riley, the Chicago representative of the Western Federation of Miners, received this telegram last night from President Moyer:

"From Mountain, Mich.
"Tanner and myself brutally assaulted in my room in Scott Hotel, Hancock, tonight. I was shot in the back and dragged more than a mile in the streets by a mob of Waddell-Mahon thugs and Citizens' Alliance men, put aboard a Milwaukee train and threatened with death if I dared to return. But have the press say this for me! That the cause is well worth the suffering I have undergone. The cause of the striking miners is just and they will win."

Officers of the Chicago Federation of Labor have called a mass meeting for tomorrow to protest against the treatment of Moyer.

Moyer's Story at Milwaukee.
Milwaukee, Dec. 27.—"I was attacked by twenty-five men in my room in a hotel in Hancock last night, struck in the head with the butt of a revolver, shot in the back, dragged through the streets, put on a train and told to leave the country forever," said President Moyer, during a stop here on a Milwaukee train enroute to Chicago.

Moyer was confined to his berth, the pillow and bed linen of which were soaked with blood from wounds in his scalp and back. He was good natured and said after he got "headed up" in Chicago he would return to Calumet to fight "the mine owners to the last."

"At 5:20 last night," said Moyer, "Sheriff Cruise and about fifteen other men came to my room to ask about arrangements for the burial of the poor persons who met death in the Christmas eve catastrophe. They remained fifteen minutes and left after I told them the Western Federation of Miners and labor organizations of the country would and would care for its own unfortunate."

"Within four minutes after the committee left the room, fifteen ruffians burst into the room. I was standing at the telephone at the time putting in a call. Charles H. Tanner, of California, traveling auditor of the Western Federation, was with me. Several grabbed and held me, while another came from behind and struck me with the butt of a revolver on the head. Then with the report of a gun I felt a piercing sensation in my back. I do not think any one shot me deliberately. I think the gun used in hitting me on the head was discharged accidentally."

"Then two men got hold of my arm and dragged me out of the hotel. Down the street we went. When two became

STORIES TOLD BY
MOYER ARE NOT
SUBSTANTIATED.

Complete mystery seems to surround Moyer's sudden departure, but his blood-curdling story, given to Associated Press, that he was shot, beaten and dragged through the streets is not given credence.

The manager of the Scott Hotel stated to The News this morning that when Moyer left the hotel he was all right. There were no evidences that Moyer had been the object of an attack. There were no shots fired in the hotel and there was no racket. This gives the lie to Moyer's yarn that he was "shot, beaten and dragged through the streets."

It is the belief of Sheriff Cruise which he stated this morning after having made, in company with Chief of Detectives Pritchard of his office, a searching investigation into the affair, that Moyer's sudden departure at this time was a frame-up on the part of Moyer to excite the sympathy of the outside world. He found no evidence of any kind to bear out the claims of federation members that Moyer was kidnapped and forced to leave the district. In the sheriff's opinion, Moyer took this means of leaving the copper country to enlist support for work in other fields, realizing that the strike in this district is lost.

Employees of the Waddell-Mahon corporation and local members of the Citizens' Alliance denied Moyer's charges as to the identity of his assailants. Only three men employed by the corporation in question are in the strike district now. One of these was in bed suffering from the effects of being caught in a jam when he was trying to rescue strikers' children from the Italian hall disaster Christmas eve, and the other two denied they were in any way concerned in the departure of Moyer. All Citizens' Alliance members approached today knew only what they had read in the Gazette this morning concerning Moyer's unexpected trip.

"Any charge by Mr. Moyer that I had any part in the occurrences of last night at Hancock is absolutely and unqualifiedly false," said General Manager James MacNaughton of the Calumet & Hecla today. "I spent the evening in Calumet, accompanying my wife in calling upon friends, and later walking across the street from their home to the Missowaubic club for a chat with some gentlemen. I certainly could not have been in Hancock at the hour indicated."

At least two others took hold of me. At least I was on my feet part of the time, yet for block I was dragged. It was little more than a mile to Houghton, where the mob took me. All the while they were pulling me along, yelling, "Lynch him," "Lynch him," "Hang him," calling me vile names.

"When we reached the station James MacNaughton, general manager and

vice president of the Calumet & Hecla mine, drove up in an automobile. He rushed up to me and said: "You get out of this country forever. If you ever come back I'll hang you."

"Then he continued to abuse me in the vilest manner. When the train left I was thrown bodily upon it. Two who claimed to be deputy sheriffs got on. They took me into the sleeper, and soon after Tanner was brought in. He too, had been assaulted in the room and forcibly taken to the station.

"One of the deputies handed the conductor tickets and said we were going to Chicago. The deputies stayed in the train until we passed into Wisconsin. Somewhere on the trip a doctor was called to dress my wounds. He was summoned by one of the men who said they were deputies and was told to send the bill to the sheriff of Houghton county. In order to prove my case I got a statement from the doctor."

Moyer reacted in his coat and pulled out two sheets of paper on which was written this statement:

"Charles H. Moyer was treated by me for a gunshot wound in the back, apparently superficial in nature, and for lacerations of the scalp.

(Signed) J. W. STORY, M. D.
(Countersigned) W. B. HENDLEY,
Deputy Sheriff.

"I never said that a member of the Citizens' Alliance caused the panic in the Italian hall," Moyer continued. "I did say there were twenty-five men who would swear they saw a man wearing a Citizens' Alliance button run up the stairs, stick his head through the door and yell, 'fire.'"

"We can take care of our own people. We have fought their battles, fed them while they were hungry, and clothed them when they were cold. Now we can hurt them. We ask no help from others. The labor organizations of the world have come forward in fine shape. We have \$15,000 and it will reach \$25,000."

Moyer would not say whether any of the men who attacked him were in the sheriff's party which had talked to him a few minutes before. He said he did not recognize any of them as the same.

"But I cannot understand how this happened to be at the station when the mob got there," said Moyer. "Neither can I understand how it was they had Chicago tickets for Tanner and myself nor how they could summon a doctor to tell them to charge the treatment to the county unless the sheriff knew all the time that the attack was going to take place."

He hinted he thought the sheriff's conference was only a ruse to find whether he was alone and if it would be safe for the other party to attack him.

Moyer did not appear to be in pain, received the reporters cheerfully and talked for twenty minutes.

Former Congressman Victor Berger of Milwaukee, entered the car and was greeted warmly by Moyer. He invited the injured man to his home and said Milwaukee Socialists would go to the aid of Calumet miners.

Departure of Moyer.

President Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who has been in the strike district for some time, directing the strikes, left the copper country last night on the St. Paul train from Houghton. No definite information as to the cause of his departure is available.

According to hearsay, however, Moyer left the Scott Hotel, Hancock, about 9 o'clock. A short time later it is said he and another man, believed to have been John Tanner, of California, and organizer for the federation, were observed on a street car going from Hancock to Houghton. At the Copper Range depot it was noticed that Moyer and his companion boarded the St. Paul train bound for Chicago. About that time the siren whistle on the Houghton Electric Light plant blew a riot call and a large number of people gathered at the depot on the rumor that Moyer was aboard the train.

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